

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward R. Lawson Jr. on 12 January 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

In claim 1, line 3, change the first occurrence of "can be" to ---is--- and change "can be connected" to ---is connectable---,
line 10, before "connecting" insert ---second--- and change "are arranged" to ---form---,
line 11, delete "like" and after "levers" insert ---, each defining an elbow secured to one side of the at least one tube with the respective connecting bridges extending therefrom substantially along the one side, the connecting bridges having a length thereof from a respective elbow to the attachment with the holding element or stub, a substantial portion of the length having an entire periphery free from contact with the tube, the holding element and the stub, the substantial portion of the length having a substantially uniform transverse cross-section---.

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In claim 7, line 3, change the first occurrence of “can be” to ---is--- and change “can be connected” to ---is connectable---,
line 8, before the second occurrence of “connecting” insert ---second--- and change “are arranged like” to ---form---,
line 9, after “levers” insert ---, each defining an elbow secured to one side of the at least one tube with the respective connecting bridges extending therefrom substantially along the one side, the connecting bridges having a length thereof from a respective elbow to the attachment with the holding element or stub, a substantial portion of the length having an entire periphery free from contact with the tube, the holding element and the stub, the substantial portion of the length having a substantially uniform transverse cross-section---.

In claim 14, line 1, change “13” to ---12---.

In claim 15, line 1, change “5” to ---1---.

In claim 16, line 3, change “can be connected” to ---is connectable---,
line 9, after “levers” insert ---, each defining an elbow secured to one side of the at least one tube with the respective connecting bridges extending therefrom substantially along the one side, the connecting bridges having a length thereof from a respective elbow to the attachment with the holding element or stub, a substantial portion of the length having an entire periphery free from contact with the tube, the holding element and the stub, the substantial portion of the length having a substantially uniform transverse cross-section---.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims as amended define a wiper device designed to perform in a particular manner. The device includes a molded tube connected to a holding element and stub by connecting bridges. The connecting bridges are formed as elbow levers. Such elbow levers have been defined as having length with a substantial portion thereof having an entire periphery free from contact with the tube, holding element and stub. Such substantial portion having a substantially uniform transverse cross-section. Such distinguishes from the prior art which does not fairly teach elbow levers with such construction. The closest art to Zimmer, while showing a similar wiper device, does not teach the particular elbow levers as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Monica S. Carter can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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